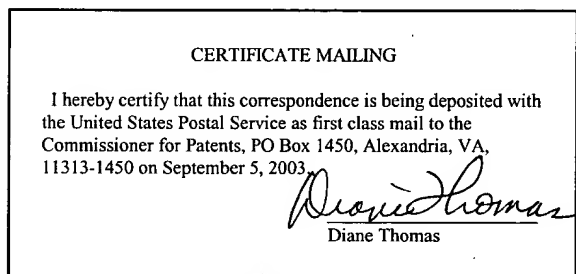




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AMENDMENT

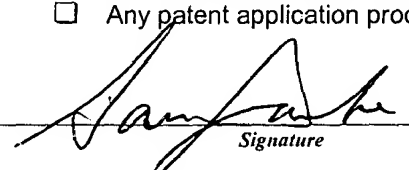

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This Amendment has been re-formatted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 8, 2003, setting a one-month period for response. The Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 2, 5 - 9, 15 - 20, and 23 and 25, amend claims 1, 10 and 21, and new claims 26 and 27 as follows:

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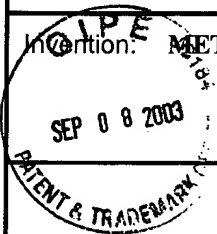
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